

Matthews Veterans Advisory Committee

October 3th, 2018

Minutes

Chairperson Tom Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Matthews Town Hall with a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of reflection by Tom Cannon.

Committee Members present: Tom Cannon, Phil Mowry, Jack Santaniello, James Munoz, Janet Perkins, Larry Stawicki, Fred Baylor, Joe Bochicchio, Ilse York, Michael Vento, Dessi Dufresne, Janet Perkins and Jim Thurman

Guests Welcomed Mr. Kress Query introduced candidate Michael Stading for district judge, Peter, Statue creator, Subcommittee 3, Ilse York

Minutes of September, 2018: Minutes were approved as transmitted

Old Business:

1: Subcommittee 1. Awareness: Amanda has resigned per Tom and they have no update.

2: Subcommittee 2. Resources and Collaboration: Larry gave us update on this committee. They are also still investigating Honor Flights and what it would involve to get someone from Matthews on one of those flights. They are keeping the 3 month rolling calendar up to date and have been sending each month to Maureen with the Town to put on the website. They are still designing a trifold to distribute to local businesses outlining the benefits to hiring a veteran. They are working on a rough draft to show us and when it's complete it can also be put in our display cabinets in Town Hall and Chamber of Commerce. Need more materials for the cabinets and may add the Army and Navy Times to the stands.

3: Subcommittee 3. Communications Dessi is resigning, and Charleen will be taking over the sub committee. Ilse will relieve as Secretary. After the First Thursday is over Dessi will sit down with Charleen and go over all her notes and activities. Mentioned that we will have a First Thursday in Honor of the Veterans. Dessi has her Chamber after hours at Temple MoJo with the band MILF that will be playing from 5 to 8. There will be a \$1 a pint back to the MVAC during this event. Ilse will keep on the working with the Parks and Recreation committee on designing the Veterans parks. Ilse had a guest that the Town could use for special statues in the parks. The gentlemen brought an example in.

4: Subcommittee 4: Executive: Tom advised us that we do have the cities support in having some more activities for us to do. Events like Veterans Day event are endorsed by the city. Post 235 conducts a ceremony that is held every year that MVA members should attend. A Matthews Veteran who died on the last day of the of World War 1, will be remembered at a ceremony lead by Post 235 on Veterans Day. This is an important mile-stone that we cannot overlook as a committee.

New Business: Tom gave a quarterly report to the Town Council. He went over our accomplishments and strongly recommended they get involved with Veterans Day events and endorse it. The Town suggested we also purchase a POW Flag to display with the other flags we have in the main meeting room. Angelo is looking into the cost for the flag and contacted Fisk directly to find out. No answer at that time.

Treasurer's Report: Jack went over treasurer's report. We have \$3585.74 in our budget for our 2019 Fiscal year. Jack also indicated that Fisk still has two receipts that he needs to turn in so he can provide him his reimbursement. Other than that there is no change in the budget this month.

Chairperson /Vice Chairperson Comments- Tom did propose the review of the current SOP's and that Phil and Tom are both reviewing and working on them.

Comments-Town Council Liaison: Hazen had no additional comments.

Open Comments: Tom thanked Dessi for her service and assistance over the years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Ilse York, Secretary